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Dear Santa

Living Large

Humour by Steve Galea

Dear Santa,

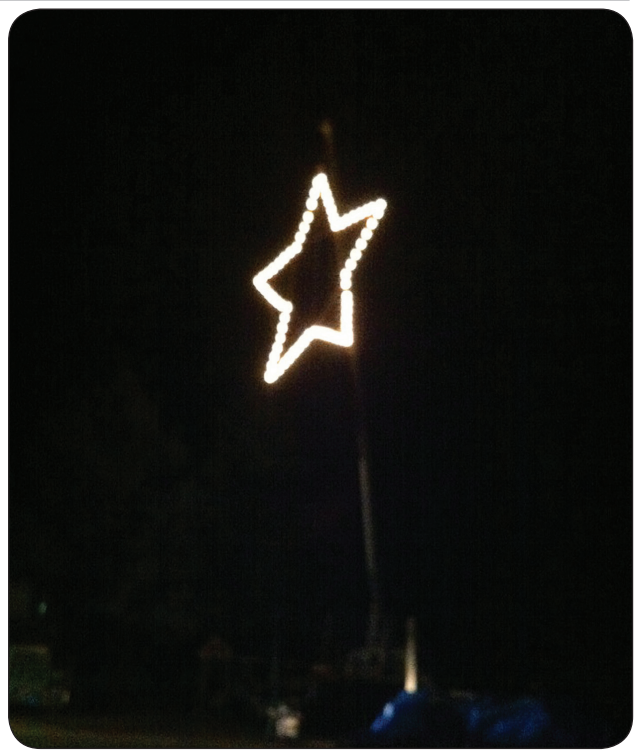
As always, I'm running a bit behind on my deadline. This letter should have probably been on your desk at least a week ago. Well, I'm going to assume that it's better late than never and also that your deadline was set artificially early so you could ensure I didn't write anything that would get me in hot water.

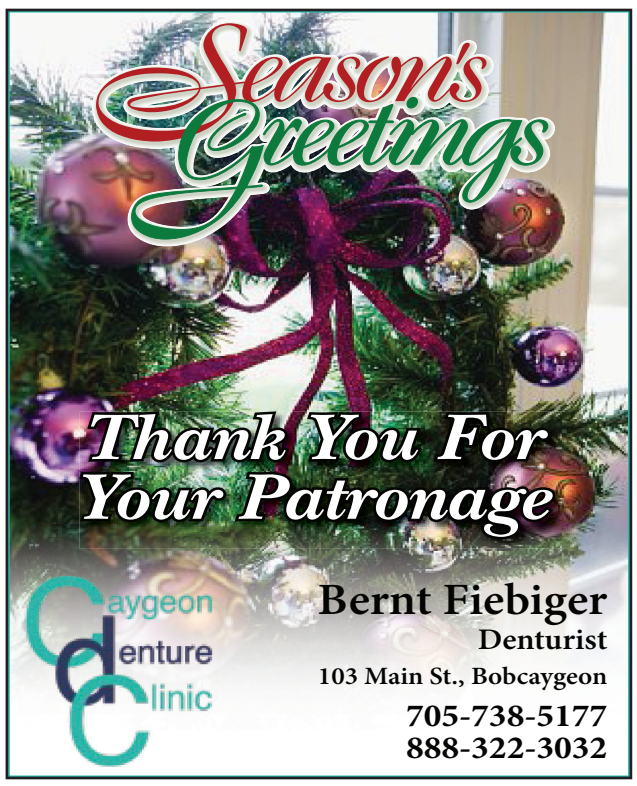
I'm also going out on a limb here and assuming I made the "nice" list this year. With that in mind, here are 10 Christmas wishes I'd like you and your "pointy-eared, little people" to address.

1. Please do not land the sled on the roof this time. I'd like to minimize the wear and tear on my shingles. Also try not to hit the satellite dish again.
2. Go easy on the cookies. The rest of us would like some too.
3. I'd appreciate it if you stopped yelling, "Hey elf, get back in uniform!" every time I walked by you in a mall. I'm 53; it's no longer funny.
4. I would like your suit to come back in style because I have several just like them from the '70s.
5. Wrap my presents in cling wrap this year: I hate surprises.
6. Please assemble anything from IKEA.
7. I appreciate the doe in heat lure you gave me last year. All I ask is that your elves label it properly. Imagine my surprise when a buck took an unhealthy interest in what I thought was cologne.
8. I'd like to see partridges in pear trees or any tree for that matter, but before the season comes to an end thanks.
9. I wouldn't mind some ice this year so I can use the ice fishing gear you got me last year.
10. Finally, how about giving my readers something really funny this year? And, if you don't mind, tell them it's from me.

A star in the sky

For the past 10 years, Fort Irwin Cottage and Garden Centre has been hanging this star measuring 35 feet by 35 feet using a crane so that it can be seen by the entire community. Photo submitted by Barb Hammond





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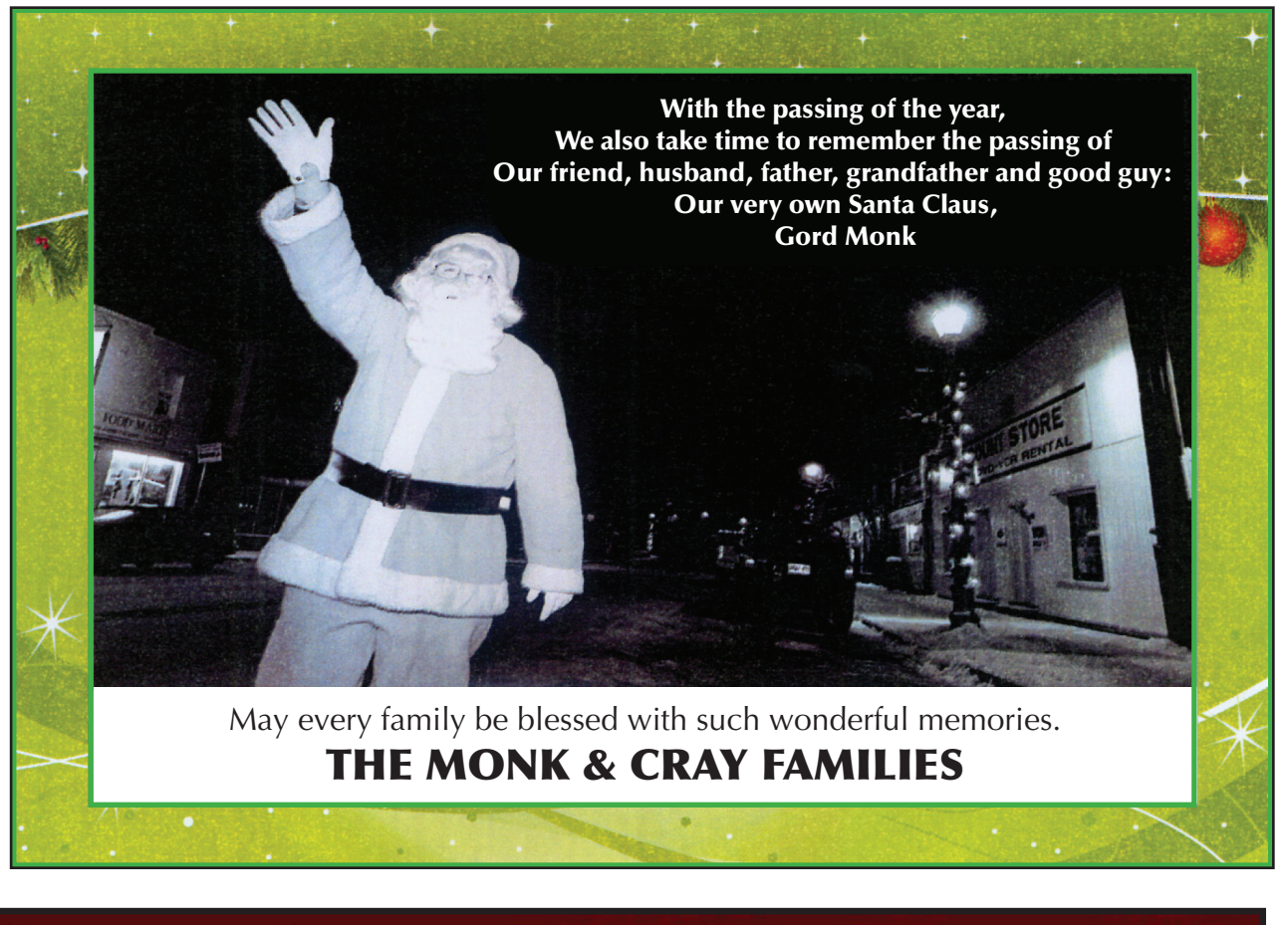
Holiday energy savings tips from Hydro One

'Tis the season for celebrating the holidays with family and friends. Here are some tips to keep the energy costs down while entertaining this holiday season:

- Use the Time-of-Use schedule - Take advantage of off-peak periods on weekends and holidays. Remember Dec. 25 and 26 are considered holidays but not Dec. 24.
  - o On-peak is 7a.m. – 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.
  - o Mid-peak is 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
  - o Off-peak 7 p.m. to 7 a.m.
- When cooking on your stove top, match the size of the pan to the heating element - more heat will get to the pan and less will be lost.
- Baking holiday treats? Check on your treats by looking through the window on your oven. Opening the oven door, even for a few seconds, will lower the internal temperature of the oven.
- Delicious leftovers? Allow leftovers to cool before placing them in the fridge or freezer.
- Pass on preheating. While preheating may be necessary for baking, it's not needed for things like roasts or casseroles.
- Time your holiday cheer. Put your outdoor holiday lights on a timer to only have them on during off-peak hours and turn them off overnight.
- Lower the thermostat: If you are entertaining guests, consider lowering the temperature in your home. The increased body heat and cooking will help keep your house warm. If someone else is hosting you this holiday season, lower the thermostat in your home while you are away.

Interested in additional ways to save energy? Visit www.HydroOne.com/SaveEnergy.

Wine winner
Kim Blair was the winner of this year's Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary's Wheelbarrow of wine fundraiser. From left, Shelley vanLieshout, Blair, Jane Jaycock and Tracey Lear. Nearly $4,000 was raised in the fundraiser. Submitted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My trip to Jordan

Linda Coneybeare
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I am just back from my wonderful trip to Jordan. Now I know that if you look on the map and see where Jordan is located you would say "What was she thinking?"

However, I am here to tell you that during my week in Jordan I felt completely safe. Jordan is an oasis of calm within the Middle East with a democratically elected government and revered monarchy.

Jordan has so many amazing sites to see and I saw a lot of them!

I flew to the capital city, Amman, with Royal Jordanian Airlines. Non stop from New York (JFK) on the new Boeing Dreamliner aircraft. Upon arrival in Jordan I joined up with the other travel agents from across Canada (12 of us) and our representative from GoWay Travel. We were met by our local guide and the Jordanian adventure began!

The first night was spent at the Amman Marriot Hotel, with beautiful five star accommodation, and a welcome dinner Lebanese style (yes, I know I was in Jordan) fresh ripe tomatoes, hummus, baba ganouch with fresh pomegranates and the yummiest fresh pita bread.

The next day we were of to Mount Nebo, Jordan's Grand Canyon, with breathtaking vistas of the mountains and in the distance a sliver of blue – The Dead Sea (more about that later).

We arrived late into Petra, and stayed at the five star Movenpick Hotel just a five-minute walk to the entrance of Petra. For those of you (all five of you) that have never seen *Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade* this is the UNESCO world heritage site where Harrison Ford rode to through the 200-metre-high canyon (Siq) walls to reveal the famous 2000-year-old Treasury Building. The rocks change colour with the lighting which is why Petra is called The Rose City. Seeing Petra had been on my wish list for years and I thought "surely this must be the highlight of my Jordan trip!"

We spent a full day walking through Petra, and after 17,000 steps and a horse ride back to the entrance I was sure nothing could top that, or so I thought!

The next day we were off to Wadi Rum – movie lovers take note – this is where all the outdoor scenes in Matt Damon's *The Martian* was filmed plus, of course, many desert scenes in the classic film *Lawrence of Arabia*. Wadi Rum was spectacular: red sand, deep canyons, rockscapes-all viewed from the back of our beat up old Toyota 4X4 as we bounced along the desert. Every view was more magnificent than the last. During my trip I had been reading the new book: *Lawrence IN Arabia* so it was even more

Sunset Aqaba Red Sea.

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NOTICE OF COMPLETE APPLICATION AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

- **DATE:** Monday February 1st, 2016
- **TIME:** 5:00 pm
- **LOCATION:** Council Chambers in the Municipal Office
  135 Maple Ave., Haliburton, Ontario

APPLICATIONS:

1. Lands of Eternal Elixir Inc.:
   - Purpose and Effect: The proposed by law will change the zone on the subject lands to permit a workshop and retail store to accommodate a business that prepares and markets health, wellness and beauty products.
   - Zone change from "RU1" and "RU1L" to "OS-1" and "CH-xx".
   - Location: Part Lot 31, Concession 9, and Part Lot 30, Concession 10 Geographic Township of Dysart (County Road 19).
2. Lands of Dysart et al:
   - Purpose and Effect: The proposed by law will change the zone on the subject lands to permit a retirement complex, which may include a health centre, a range of housing options, an accessory retail store, an accessory personal service shop and an accessory restaurant.
   - Zone change from "RU1" to "IU-xx".
   - Location: Part Lots 6 & 7, Concession 8, Part 4, Plan 19R-7855, Geographic Township of Dysart (County Road 21 and Wonderland Road).

IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Municipality of Dysart et al before the proposed zoning by-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Municipality of Dysart et al to the Ontario Municipal Board.

IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Municipality of Dysart et al before the proposed zoning by-law is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

FURTHER INFORMATION: including the draft by-law is available from the Planning Department at the Municipality Office during regular office hours (8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday) or by phoning 705-457-1740.

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History comes alive in the landscape of Jordan

interesting to see where T.E. Lawrence and Prince Faisal based their headquarters during the Arab revolt against the Ottoman Empire in the First World War. History became alive. There was even a carving of Lawrence in rock, created in 1917 to verify he was there.

I just can't explain the feeling I had during my hours in the red desert. It was a take-your-breath-away experience.

What a weather contrast from the early morning chilliness. By 11 a.m. the sun warmed the desert land to a pleasant 20ºC (winter temperature) and by 6 p.m. I was somewhere else, Aqaba, time for sundress and sandals at this beach destination on the Red Sea. We arrived in the port city in time for a spectacular sunset

From our beach side hotel I was at a site where I could see four countries. To my right, just across a small bay was the Israeli port city of Eilat, and just ahead were the Sinai mountains of Eqypt, and to my left, around the cove was Jordan's largest neighbour, Saudi Arabia (not going there!).

Aqaba is Jordan's only sea port and is a busy shipping depot, but the beautiful resorts built right on the beach offer great snorkelling and is a great location to unwind after touring Petra and Wadi Rum.

No time for this trip though as the next morning we were off again to the Dead Sea by way of Bethany and the Jordan River. At the river's edge we were about 20 metres from Israel; the border runs through the middle of the river. We shouted hello across the border and were asked "How's the weather in your country" with lots of laughs and good spirits.

Our last two nights in Jordan were spent at the Dead Sea Resort region: 380 metres below sea level.

This is truly the lowest point on the face of the earth! The salt content is so high that you literally cannot sink. It was the oddest sensation with our hands and feet in the air, we laid back in the calm water of the Dead Sea and relaxed.

One morning was spent walking through the ancient Roman city of Jerash-hidden in sand for centuries before being excavated and restored over the past 70 years, Jerash reveals paved streets, soaring hilltop temples and an acoustically perfect amphitheatre where I heard bagpipes. Bagpipes! In Jordan, King Abdullah's Military Band includes bagpipers who have played for the Queen at the Royal Edinburgh Tattoo. I can't begin to tell you the wonderful experience of sitting in a 2000-year-old bench, with the beautiful blue sky, looking over Jerash, listening to "Scotland the Brave." One of those a-ha magical moments.

I had a lot of those magical moments in Jordan and can't stress enough how this country is safe and welcoming to tourists. From their five star luxury resorts, UNESCO World Heritage Sites, and their tropical beaches of Aqaba (can't you JUST hear Peter O'Toole saying that word in Lawrence of Arabia!) Jordan welcomes the world.

I hope you enjoyed reading about my journey to Jordan.

Machenzie and I wish you all a merry Christmas from the Ladies of Travelplus.

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Festive food safety

Nine essential ingredients to reduce the risk of foodborne illnesses

Hosting family or friends for the holidays? Be sure to serve up food safety to reduce the risk of illness.

The Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit reminds local residents that safe food handling skills are very important at a time when many holiday meals and gatherings are being planned. Food that becomes contaminated due to improper food handling or undercooking can make people sick, spoiling what is supposed to be a happy holiday.

"Foodborne illnesses occur more frequently than people think, and the home is one of the main places where illnesses can occur," says Neha Gandhi, a public health inspector with the HKPR District Health Unit. "The best recipe for a holiday meal with family and friends is one that includes safe food preparation."

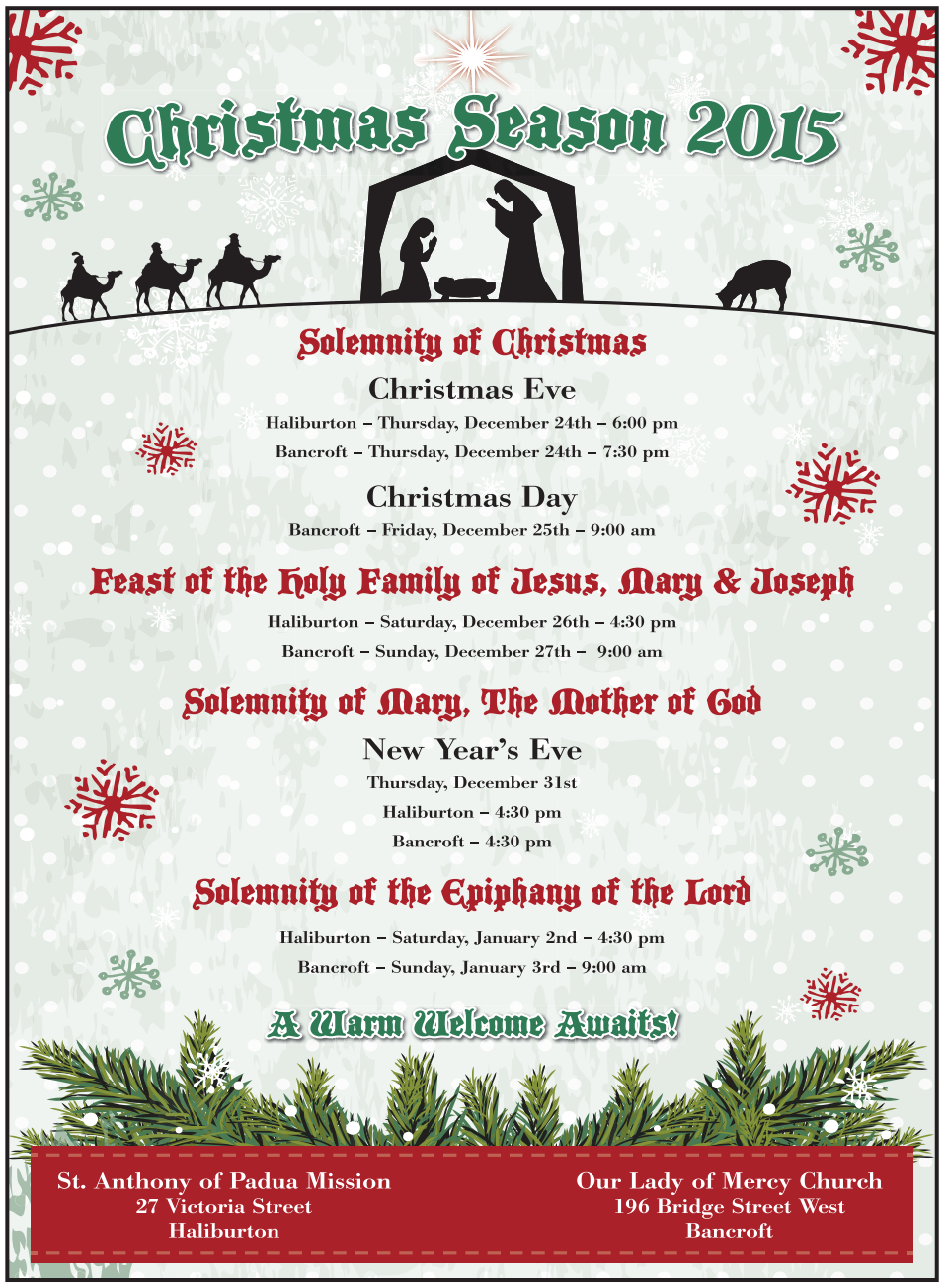
To reduce the risk of foodborne illnesses, the Health Unit provides these nine essential ingredients for festive food safety:

1. Get off to a clean start. Wash hands, utensils and surfaces with hot soapy water before, during and after preparing foods. Sanitize countertops, cutting boards and utensils with a mild bleach and water solution. Wash all produce thoroughly before preparing, eating or cooking
2. If preparing a frozen turkey for a holiday meal, start thawing it in the fridge several days before roasting. Allow 24 hours of defrosting time for every 2.5 kg (five pounds) of turkey. Place the thawing turkey on a plate or tray to prevent the leaking juices from contaminating other foods in the fridge. Never thaw a turkey on the kitchen counter.
3. The goal of cooking a turkey is to reach a high enough internal temperature (82˚C/180˚F) to kill bacteria. Rather than checking for the juices to run clear to let you know the turkey is done, it is better to use a probe thermometer to check the internal temperature of the turkey. The best place to check the temperature is the inner thigh, just above the bone. Stuffing should be cooked outside the turkey and should reach a temperature of 74˚C (165˚F).
4. Cook foods thoroughly and serve immediately. Keep hot foods hot with warming trays, chafing dishes or slow cookers that measure at least 60˚C (140˚F). Keep cold foods cold by resting serving dishes on crushed ice.
5. If travelling, ensure hot foods stay in insulated containers to keep a 60˚C (140˚F) temperature. Reheat thoroughly before serving. Put cold foods in a cooler with ice or freezer packs to keep them at 4˚C (40˚F) or lower.
6. When serving food, use small bowls or trays. This helps to ensure the temperature of food remains even, and also prevents food from being left out too long.
7. Remember the two-hour rule when entertaining guests with a large meal or buffet. Perishable foods should not be left out at room temperature for longer than two hours. When in doubt, throw it out!
8. While unpasteurized apple cider is a popular holiday beverage, it may contain E.coli. To be sure cider is safe, buy cider that is labelled as being pasteurized.
9. Leftovers should be cooled quickly and promptly refrigerated. Avoid leaving turkey sitting out for snacking after a meal. Use leftover turkey and other cooked dishes within four days.

For more food safety tips, call the health unit at 1-866-888-4577 and speak to a public health inspector, or visit www.hkpr.on.ca.

OPP collect for food banks

From left, OPP Constable Alan Jozwiak, Auxiliary Constable Marc Jones, owner and operator of Haliburton Foodland, Brad Park, and Auxiliary Sergeant Wilf VanLieshout stand with the truck full of food collected at the Haliburton Foodland. The collection included Todd's Independent Grocer, Easton's Valumart and Dollo's Foodland. / DARREN LUM Staff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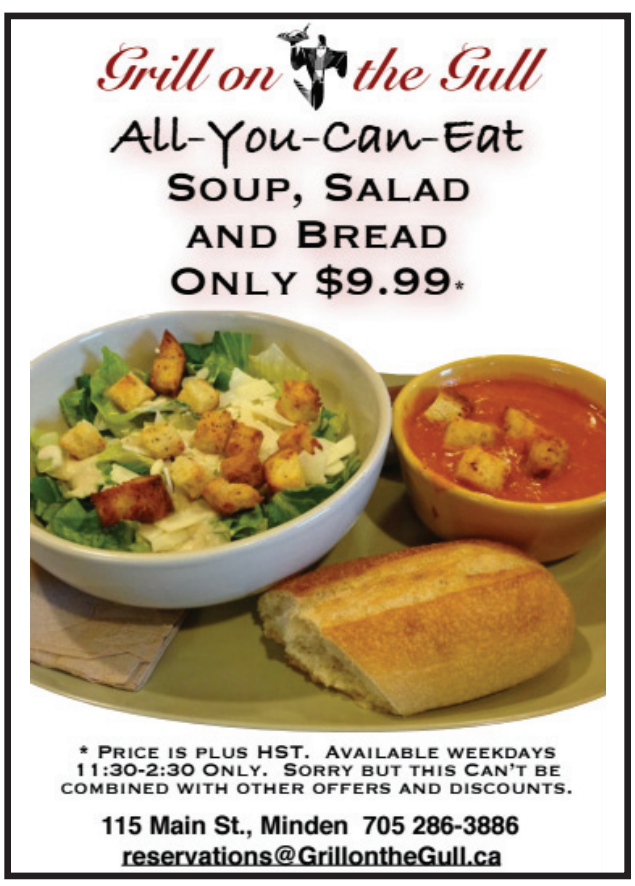
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Haliburton Pet Fund Grateful for Parker Pad & Printing Support

From left: Dr. Peter Bennett (director, HPOAF and retired vet from Minden) with Tawny, Nancy Houghton and Kendra Kellett (from Parker Pad & Printing), Joan Middleton (HPOAF director) with Geneva.

The Haliburton Pet Owners' Assistance Fund, a local charity designed to help lower income pet owners in Haliburton County with the costs of non-routine veterinary services, gratefully accepted a cheque for $1,000 from Parker Pad and Printing earlier this month.

HPOAF was one of six local charities selected by Parker Pad & Printing to receive a charitable contribution of $1,000 in celebration of the company's sixth anniversary in Haliburton.

Retired Minden veterinarian Dr. Peter Bennett (who serves on the HPOAF board of directors) said: "In the two months since we launched, we have already provided financial assistance for necessary surgical treatments for a dog and a cat, and have made funding commitments for two more dogs that require treatment, working with vets in Haliburton, Minden and Coboconk. Clearly, there is a need in our community for this kind of help."

HPOAF board of directors president Roy Campbell said, "We appreciate the contributions we have received from a number of people in our community. We are planning a number of fundraising activities and hope to build up enough of a reserve so that we never have to turn away deserving animals and their owners. This generous contribution by Parker Pad & Printing is our first contribution from a business in our community and takes us an important step forward in terms of being able to help pets and their owners.

"We invite members of the Haliburton community to go to www.haliburtonpetfund.ca to learn more about us and how they can help us help pet owners in Haliburton County," said Campbell.

Christmas Hours

Haliburton Family Medical Centre
7217 Gelert Rd. (beside Haliburton Hospital)

December 24 - 8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.
December 25 - CLOSED
December 28 - CLOSED
December 31 - 8:30a.m. - 12 p.m.
January 1 - CLOSED

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Carols at 8:00 pm &
Service at 8:30 pm

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To submit your event to the community calendar email classifieds@haliburtonpress.com

Santa comes to Wilberforce

Wilberforce resident Summer Anderson-Casey, 6, sits with Santa, as her younger sister Payton, 1, decides she'd rather be with mother April. They were at the Wilberforce Santa Claus Parade and Party event on Sunday, Dec. 13 at the Lloyd Watson Centre in Wilberforce. Sponsored by the Ward 4 Volunteer Fire Department and the Santa Fund Committee, the event drew hundreds of people for Christmas cheer, a meet and greet with Santa, and more than 200 gifts. The community event was made possible because of private donations, the business community, toy donations from McKecks Bar and Grill, the Tory Hill Pastoral Charge, local photographer Tammy Donaldson, the Township of Highlands East, Dan Linkert and more than 20 volunteers./DARREN LUM Staff

Santa waves to the hundreds who lined the street for the Wilberforce Santa Claus Parade

The Wilberforce Curling Club's Kathy McQuigge smiles while walking in the Wilberforce Santa Claus Parade.

A representative of the Wilberforce Agricultural Society waves.

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When: Dec. 24, 7:00 pm
Where: 2605 Eagle Lake Rd, Eagle Lake

Free public skating sponsored by Karen Nimigon
When: December 30/15 11:00 am to 12:30 pm
Where: A.J. LaRue Arena, Haliburton

The Township of Minden Hills Family Fun New Year's Eve
When: Thursday December 31st 6:00 pm-8:00 pm
Where: SG Nesbitt Arena
This is a free event for all ages (children must be accompanied by an adult) that includes public skating, hot chocolate, tobogganing.
Contact: Elisha Weiss 705-286-2298 or eweiss@mindenhills.ca

New Years Eve Celebrations
When: Thursday, December 31, 2015
Where: Wilberforce Legion, Wilberforce

Free public skating sponsored by Karen Nimigon
When: January 2/16 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm
Where: S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena, Minden

Fur and Flintlock
When: January 2, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
Where: Dorset area
Discover the fascinating world of Canada's and Haliburton County's oldest industry – the fur trade. This intriguing adventure takes you back into history with an 18th century fur trader, along forest and stream on snowshoes to a trading post to hear the stories, see the authentic trade goods, and feast on a traditional lunch.
Contact: Yours Outdoors 705-754-3436, info@youroutdoors.ca, www.yoursoutdoors.ca

Evening Skate at the Oval
When: Friday, January 8, 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm (weather permitting) Rain date: Friday, January 22, 2016, 5:00 – 8:00 pm
Where: Head Lake Park, Haliburton
Come out for an evening of skating, music and food. The oval will be lit for this evening of magic.
Contact: www.dysartetal.ca, Andrea Mueller, amueller@dysartetal.ca (705) 457-1740 x. 35

Haliburton County Folk Society Open Stage
When: Sat. Jan. 9 at 7:30 pm
Where: Haliburton Highlands Museum
Come share your musical talent and enjoy the music of other talented musicians.
Contact: Guy Pritchard 705-754-3881

Envision Your Best Self
When: Saturday, January 9, 2016
Where: Holness Yoga & Guest Suites
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Al-anon Minden
When; Monday evenings at 8 p.m.
Where: Hyland Crest (north entrance, follow signs inside building), 6 MacPherson, Minden
Details: For relatives and friends of problem drinkers. For more information call 1-888-425-2666

NEW! WAY TO GROW! SIRCH Family Hub
When: Wednesday afternoons 2-4:30pm from November 11 to December 16
Where: Ontario Early Years Centre in Haliburton
Why: Meet other parents and gain valuable information to keep your family safe and strong
Who: Moms and dads with children under 6
Dec 16 – That's crazy talk! Normalizing mental health concerns / resources and support
All presentations will be held from 2:30-3:30pm.
There will be refreshments available for parents and their children.
There will not be childcare during these sessions.
Parents are responsible for their own children.
(Wednesday November 25th will not be at the Centre but parents can meet at the Thrift Warehouse in Haliburton at 128 Mallard Drive for a tour and shopping!)
Help with transportation may be available. Call Margee @ SIRCH for details 705-457-1742

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When: Minden, Tuesday's at 11 at the Hyland Crest Auditorium,
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Kitchen Party Music Jams
When: Every Saturday From 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm (continuous event)
Where: Dominion Hotel Pub, 113 Main Street, Minden, ON
Details: Musicians are welcome to come out to play and Fans are welcome to come out and enjoy the music at the free Jam Sessions every Saturday afternoon - 1st Saturday Folk/Celtic Music, 2nd & 5th Saturdays Mixed Acoustic Music, 3rd Saturday Country Music & 4th Saturday Bluegrass Music.
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Haliburton Highlands Quilt Guild
When: Second Wednesday of every month, at 1-4 pm
Where: Stanhope Community Centre, 1095 North Shore Rd., Algonquin Highlands
Details: Meeting often preceded by working on a project at 10 am.
Contact: Pat Campbell at (705) 457-1211 or patcampbell@live.ca

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Time: Every Tues. 1-4p.m.
Place: Zion United Church, Carnarvon
No experience needed.
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Dorset Craft Connections Group
When: Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m.
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Haliburton Region Shout Sister! Choir
When: Practices are held Thursday nights from 7-9 pm
Where: Haliburton United Church, Fellowship Room, 10 George St., Haliburton.
Details: Directed by Laurel McCauley, Welcoming new members. We do not audition and learn our music by ear. All levels of singers are welcome. We sing a fun variety of music from pop and folk to Motown.

Taoist Tai Chi
Carnarvon: Zion United Church
Monday: 6:00 - 8:00 pm
Tuesday: 10:00 am - noon
Friday: 10:00 am - noon
Wilberforce: Lloyd Watson Centre
Monday: 1:00 - 2:30 pm
Wednesday: 2:00 - 4:00 pm
Haliburton: United Church
Monday: 9:30 - 11:00 am
Health Recovery: Monday 1:00 am - 12:30 pm
Wednesday: 6:30 - 8:30 pm
Thursday: 10 am - noon
Kinmount: Galway Community Centre
Monday: 10:00 am - noon
Thursday: 10:00 am - noon
For more information contact: Wilma at 705-457-5829 or Maria at 705-457-2200

Legion Events

Branch 624, Wilberforce
Friday CLOSED
Merry Christmas
Saturday CLOSED
Monday No Bid Euchre starts again January 4th
Wednesday No Darts starts again January 6th
Thursday Early close 5:00pm
New Years Party – Thursday, December 31st, 9:00pm to close – tickets at the bar
President's Levee – Friday, January 1st – Open House 1:00-5:00pm

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Mondays: Bridge every Monday at 1pm
Tuesdays: Tuesday Night Dart League starting at 7pm
Wednesdays: Bid Euchre 1pm start
Bingo Doors open at 6pm, Bingo starts at 7pm - $500 Jackpot, **$1000 Jackpot** last Wednesday of the month.
Thursday: General Meeting Second Thursday of the month starting at 7:30 pm All members urged to attend
Ladies Auxiliary Last Thursday of the month at 1pm
Fridays: Cribbage 1 pm start
Meat Draw Five Draws, Five Prizes each draw, First draw at 4:30 pm, Last draw at 6:30 pm, Tickets are $2 per draw…Chester Howse, MC
Fun darts - 4:30 pm onwards
Saturdays: 50/50 Draw 4 pm draw, Tickets are 1$ each from noon onwards
Sundays: Breakfast Second and fourth Sunday of the month - 9:30 am - 1 pm $6 per person. Occasional volunteers are needed.
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Euchre, Thursday, 7 p.m.
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Mixed darts, Friday 7:30 p.m.
Big euchre, first Sunday of the month (except holidays), noon, $12
Sports Fan Day, Sunday, 12-4 p.m.
Lunch menu, Monday – Friday, 12-2 p.m.
Liver lover's special, Tuesday 12-2 p.m. (full menu also)
Meat Draw, Wednesday lunch time. Dec 16, special Christmas meat draws.
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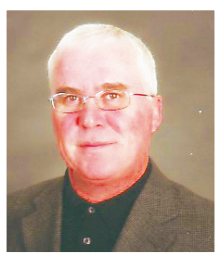
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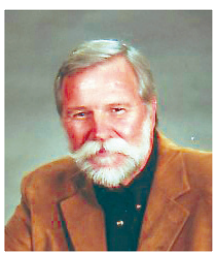
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Old Love

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The Judgment of Paris *By Tom Allen*

Written by CBC Radio Two host, symphony orchestra consultant, author and musician Tom Allen, The Judgment of Paris combines cabaret, history and storytelling with timeless music by Claude Debussy and Maurice Ravel, as well as original songs by the performers. Set during the rise of the First World War, you're invited to follow along as musical revolutionary Debussy and his one-time follower Ravel compete for the love of their proud, fickle, darling Paris. The Judgment of Paris is new and old, heroic and tragic, historical and fictional. ***Performances July 24 (2:30 matinee), July 25-26.***

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Canada Revenue Agency tax scam continues to circulate

The OPP is re-issuing a warning to residents about fraudulent phone calls after they received complaints by concerned residents from Haliburton County. In this scam, fraudsters are calling homeowners and indicating that a criminal investigation has been conducted and arrest warrants were being prepared stemming from overdue taxes owed to the government. The fraudsters represent themselves as an agent of the Canada Revenue Agency to get residents to send them money and gain valuable personal information in the process.

On Dec. 10, police received a complaint from a concerned resident reporting they had received a phone call from someone claiming to be calling from the Canada Revenue Agency and that he had forwarded a large quantity of money through a money gram after he was told he owed money and had to pay immediately.

Later on the same day police received a second complaint from another concerned resident reporting they had received a similar phone call from someone claiming to be a CRA inspector. She was told that she owed the CRA over $3,700 and had to pay immediately or she would be arrested. The resident recognized it was a scam and did not provide any information or send any money.

The OPP is reminding all residents to be extremely vigilant when receiving phone calls from someone claiming to be from the Canada Revenue Agency or a police service inquiring about personal information and demanding payment on behalf of the Canada Revenue Agency. These types of calls are designed to create anxiety for the unsuspecting resident resulting in personal and financial information being disclosed.

For more information on fraud, call the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre at 1-888-495-8501 or www.antifraudcentre.ca.

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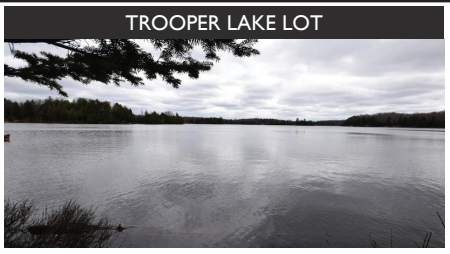

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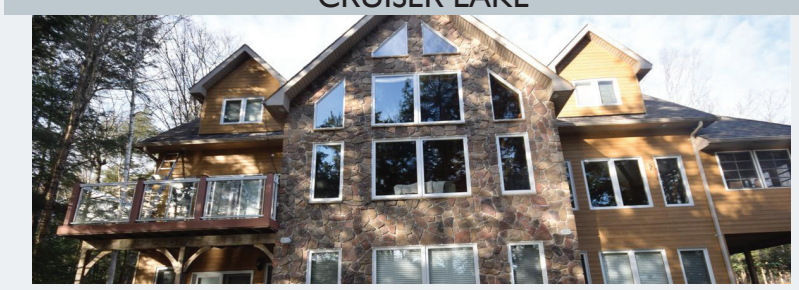

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